

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:532
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2000
EXPORT OF EGGS
V. SAROJA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total production of eggs (poultry) in the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) whether the Government have explored the potential of high exports in the sector; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken to increase the production and export of eggs ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDARLALPATWA)

(a) to (c): A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 532 TO ANSWERED ON 3rd MAY, 2000.

(a) The total production of eggs in the country during the last three years is as under:

Year	Egg Production (in billion)
1996-97	27.5
1997-98 (Prov.)	28.5
1998-99 (Prov.)	30.1

(b) & (c) The following measures have been taken for increasing production, and for export of eggs :

- i) Backyard poultry is being encouraged by the implementation of a new scheme in the North Eastern Region of the country. This scheme is proposed to be extended to other States from 2001-2002 onwards.
- ii) Import of pure line poultry breeding stock is under concessional rate of custom duty.
- iii) Production and use of Specific Pathogen Free eggs for the production of vaccines as well as for export is being encouraged.
- iv) Air freight subsidies is being given on export of hatching eggs.
- v) Financial assistance is being given to exporters of poultry products.
- vi) Assistance is being given for promotional activities, quality control, brand publicity and packaging development.